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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 384
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Julie Ferguson, the
2001 Maryville High School Valedictorian.

WHEREAS, Tennessee is very pleased to have some of America's brightest young citizens, those students who work very hard, are extraordinarily diligent and dedicated in their studies, demonstrate admirable competence in their academic pursuits, and serve as excellent role models for their fellow students; and

WHEREAS, One such multi-talented scholar is Julie Ferguson, who, after four years of rigorous study, was recently honored as the 2001 Maryville High School Valedictorian; and

WHEREAS, Despite a demanding schedule, Julie has reached an extremely rare level of academic success, with a remarkable 4.6 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, Her impressive list of honors is very lengthy and includes being on First Honor Roll for all four years; the *Daily Times* Academic Letters for English (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior), Math (Sophomore and Junior), Science (Sophomore), and Social Studies (Junior); several Maryville High School Departmental Awards, including the Catherine Miller

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Sophomore English Award, the Junior English Award, the United States History Award (Junior), and the Math Modeling Award (Junior); the National Council of Teachers of English Writing Achievement Award, (one of only 17 Tennessee students so recognized); and the Best Witness Award at the District Mock Trial (Freshman and Sophomore); and

WHEREAS, While only a Sophomore, Julie was a winner in the *Parade Magazine* Young Columbus Explorer Essay contest (one of just two winners from Tennessee) and served as a Youth Ambassador for a 10-day trip to England and Wales; and

WHEREAS, She also served with distinction as Tennessee's Delegate to the 50-state National Iacocca Scholars Millennial Conference in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; won First Place in the school's Science Fair (Freshman); received a Top Ten Award at the school's Science Fair (Sophomore); won Fifth Place at the University of Tennessee Regional Science Fair (Sophomore); participated in the National French Exam and received a Certificate of Excellence in French III (Sophomore) and a Certificate of Merit in French IV (Junior); received the prestigious Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Excellence in Math and Science from the American Association of University Women; and received proclamations from the Maryville Mayor and the Blount County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Julie also served as Secretary of the school's chapter of the National Honor Society for two productive years; was a Maryville Scholars participant (Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior); was a Delegate to Girl's State; was an Executive Women's International Scholarship Finalist (Junior), and a Furman Scholar (Junior); won the Sewanee Award for Excellence (Junior); was a Centre Fellow (Junior); and received Spotlight Awards from her Principal (Sophomore and Junior); and

WHEREAS, She is a true student-athlete, who has excelled both in the classroom and as a tennis player; and

WHEREAS, Julie is the daughter of proud parents, Sam and Penny Ferguson; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to reflect with deep admiration on Julie's life of purpose, accomplishment and promise, a life that bodes well for the future of our great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Julie Ferguson on being named the 2001 Maryville High School Valedictorian and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.